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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft is unconscionable. I cannot understand why the government would want to tear down American business. This suit attacks the very foundation of what we have built this nation upon: free enterprise. The perpetuation of this litigation cannot and will not aid this country in any way; indeed, it will only hinder the future of America. If we continue to attack the best and brightest of this nation, we will end up with nothing more than mediocrity.

The settlement that has been reached in this case must be accepted; it is fair, and those who think that it "does not go far enough" are clearly not searching for a solution to a problem, but rather their own gain. Under the terms of the settlement, Microsoft will design future versions of Windows to be even more compatible with the products of other companies. The company will also cease all retaliatory behavior against its competitors. The terms of the settlement will be ensured by a three person technical committee, which will monitor the future business tactics of the company.

This settlement must be accepted. We cannot allow political avarice destroy one of the finest companies ever produced by this nation. Thank you for your continued support of American business, and for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,

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